

13. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 11, wherein the or each working surface has a pattern of anti-slip particles embedded therein.

14. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pattern comprises particle-free lines or areas of coated substrate.

15. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the substrate has a Shore D hardness of between 80 and 100.

16. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the substrate has a maximum deflection of 25° when 1 kg is suspended from a fixed panel test piece 100 mm long x 20 mm wide x 3-3.5 mm thick.

17. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cut-resistant anti-slip coating includes an angular and cubic particle with a Polished Stone Value of between 50 to 100 and a mohs hardness of between 9 and 10.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependencies of claims 4, 9 and 11 to 17 and avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Verified with markings to show changes made".

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